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INFORMATIONAL MEETING PETROLEUM REFINERY CONTROL & FURTHER STUDY MEASURES

**MAY 15, 2002
7:00 PM-8:30 PM**

***CONTRA COSTA COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
651 Pine Street, Room 107
Martinez, CA 94553***

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) will hold an informational meeting on May 15, 2002 in Martinez, to discuss proposed regulations and studies affecting petroleum refineries. The purpose of the meeting is to give an update on the air pollution control measures at refineries that are contained in the 2001 Clean Air Plan, and to discuss progress being made on other measures that are being studied further for feasibility. The meeting will include an update on the status of the measures, progress to date, and anticipated schedules for completion. The public is invited to attend and give input to Air District staff.

The federal Clean Air Act requires regions that exceed the federal ozone standard, such as the Bay Area, to prepare plans to attain the standard. The Bay Area adopted an Ozone Attainment Plan in 2001. The Plan includes control measures which, along with measures already in place, are expected to bring the Bay Area back into compliance by 2006. The plan also identified "further study measures" which would be studied for feasibility and effectiveness. The refinery control measures in the 2001 Plan include Storage Tanks, Flare Monitoring, Equipment Leaks, and Process Vessel Depressurization at refineries. The areas where further study is underway include Marine Loading, Wastewater Systems, Storage Tanks and Blowdown Systems at refineries.

Information on the 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan is available on the Air District's website at www.baaqmd.gov (follow the link on the home page to "Air Quality Plans"). For additional information, call Jim Karas, Engineering Manager, at (415) 749-4742.

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